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In response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2002, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

Please cancel Claims 22-31 without prejudice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on the above-captioned application under 35 U.S.C. §121 and requested the Applicant to elect the invention to be examined. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following species in the Application:

Species I	Figures 1-5, 10A, 10B
Species II	Figures 6-8B
Species III	Figure 9

The Applicant respectfully notes that Figures 6 and 7 illustrate both a sign displaying device concept (Species I, and claimed in Claims 15-21) and a horizontal brace having an opening dimensioned to receive a user's hand (Species II, and claimed in Claims 22-29). Furthermore, Figure 9, identified by the Examiner as Species III, illustrates an opening defined by the horizontal brace of species II. The opening 504 (Figure 9) is an aperture whereas the